

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present invention ~~is a~~ claims priority from Provisional Patent Application No. 60/210,567, filed June 9, 2000, and ~~which~~ ^{now U.S. Pat. No. 6,296,638,} is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/197,013, filed November 20, 1998, ^{now U.S. Pat. No. 6,490,381,} which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/010,382, filed January 21, 1998, ^{now U.S. Pat. No. 6,109,268,} which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/990,374, filed on December 15, 1997, ^{now U.S. Pat. No. 6,109,268,} which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/485,219, filed on June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,697,281, which is a continuation-in-part of PCT International Application, U.S. National Phase Serial No. PCT/US94/05168, filed on May 10, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,697,909, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/059,681, filed on May 10, 1993, ^{now abandoned,} the complete disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. The present invention also derives priority from Provisional Patent Application 60/062,996 filed on October 23, 1997.--